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Dear Ms. Sweeney,

I appreciate the Department hosting this scoping meeting on the Caliente corridor here in Caliente. This type of rural outreach is appreciated since we will probably be most affected by this railroad.

I am the Site Manager for the Community College of Southern Nevada in Lincoln County. I know the Department has already provided a large amount of oversight funds to the CCSN system.

Rural Nevadans are independent and strong-willed people. If we are called upon to help the nation solve this national environmental challenge I believe and support our city's and county's efforts to protect our health and safety and gain any economic benefits that may result from this \$58 billion project.

I urge DOE to make this railroad a shared use and multiple use railroad, and to make sure the exact alignment is negotiated with local ranchers and local communities so the railroad provided the maximum economic value, with the least risk.

I support our making our regional communications system stronger with cellular coverage (that works!) throughout the corridor and county.

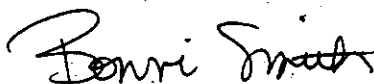
I support locating safe support facilities here in the city and county. At the present time, there are trains going through our city and county that carry extremely hazardous materials. I encourage DOE to make the city of Caliente and Lincoln County emergency responders the best trained and equipped responders in rural Nevada.

Education is essential to local citizens who would be looking for potential employment in different aspects of this project. As the Site Manager for the Community College in Lincoln County, I would also like to see training and classes coordinated through my office.

This project needs to be done right, and if it is done correctly, it can be an economic diversification tool for the city and county, but safety always comes first.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my thoughts.

Sincerely,



Bonni Smith

